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Buick now has "car" delivery of items ordered via Amazon Prime.

## 2019 Ram 1500 Named Green Truck of Year

Potential pickup truck owners with concerns about the environment should check out Ram's 2019 1500, said FCA spokesman Nick Cappa.

That's because Green Car Journal has selected the Ram 1500 as its 2019 Green Truck of the Year. The announcement was made last week at the 50th annual San Antonio Auto & Truck Show in San Antonio, Texas.

Green Car Journal editors consider all potential truck models in the U.S. market, weighing environmental attributes alongside traditional criteria that define what makes a great pickup, such



2019 Ram 1500

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#### **Nissan's Ghosn Ousted After His Arrest**

TOKYO (AP) – Nissan fired Carlos Ghosn as chairman last week, ending his nearly twodecade reign at the Japanese automaker due to alleged serious misconduct, including underreporting of his income and misuse of company assets.

Japanese prosecutors were considering Nov. 20 whether to file formal charges against Ghosn.

In an hours-long meeting, Nissan's board of directors voted unanimously to dismiss Ghosn as chairman and as a representative director, Nissan Motor Co. said in a statement.

The arrest of Ghosn after a whistleblower disclosed the alleged misconduct left many in Japan stunned by the downfall of a relentless cost-cutter who appears to have spent lavishly on himself.

Earlier last week, alliance partner Renault voted to keep him as its chief executive but appointed Thierry Bollore, its chief operating officer, as its interim chief.

Greg Kelly, who was arrested

on suspicion of collaborating in the wrongdoing, will also be dismissed as representative director, Nissan said. The replacements will be decided later, it

Ghosn is suspected of underreporting \$44.6 million in income from 2011 to 2015, according to Tokyo prosecutors. He also allegedly collaborated to falsify securities statements.

Nissan's board consists of nine san and two from Renault.

Ghosn and Kelly will remain on Nissan's board for now as that decision will be up to shareholders. No date has been set yet for a shareholders meeting.

Ghosn, 64, is also chairman at Mitsubishi Motors Corp., a smaller Japanese automaker that's partnering with the Renault-Nissan alliance. It said it was scheduling a board meeting for next week.

Ghosn and Kelly have been



**Carlos Ghosn** 

held at a Tokyo detention center since their arrests last week.

Under Japanese law, suspects can be held for 20 days per possible charge without an official indictment. Additional charges can be tagged on, resulting in longer detentions. Neither has been charged so far.

The maximum penalty upon

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#### Salvation Army **Red Kettle Campaign Starts**

The holiday season is here and that means Salvation Army kettles are out in force.

The official kickoff of the Salvation Army's was on Nov. 16 in downtown Detroit's Campus Martius park.

The organization's giant red kettle has 26,000 LED lights, said Major Russ Sjogren, general secretary and metro Detroit area commander. Each light is said to represent the lights that will shine through the lives of people this Christmas. The Salvation Army's goal this holiday season is \$8.6 million. This year it will be possible to donate money electronically via smartphones as well as through cash. Now that the kettle campaign is up and running, there is a need for volunteers to man them, Sjogren said. Every unmanned kettle represents a missed donation. People interested in helping out can go to www.ringbell.org to sign up to man a kettle. Volunteers this year will earn one entry to win a \$6,000-plus Gabriel NY diamond necklace.

#### Buick, Amazon Prime App Sends Gifts to Vehicles Now that the holiday season to help avoid future gift-giving

has arrived, and storing gifts ordered online can be quite the conundrum for those wishing to surprise their friends and relatives, Buick has got your back, said GM spokeswoman Arianna Kughn.

In a new survey from Buick, 60 percent of the U.S. parents polled had a holiday surprise ruined because a child or significant other discovered where they'd hid the gift, Kughn said. And many of those parents would consider using their cars

disappointments.

That's where Buick's association with Amazon Prime comes in. Most new Buicks offer Amazon Key In-Car Delivery, which allows Amazon Prime members with an active connected services account and Owner Center login to have eligible packages delivered directly to their Buick vehicle parked in a publicly accessible area, such as a driveway, a surface parking lot or on-street parking.

Ford Smart Mobility acquired Spin, an electric scooter-sharing firm.

# **Ford Scoots Into New Areas Of Transportation, Mobility**

Ford is expanding how it's pro-sibly, safely and sustainably as



said.

members, including Ghosn and Kelly. The seven other board members voted at the meeting, including two members from Nis-

viding transportation because the number of mobility options available to people has risen dramatically in recent years.

In some situations, people use multiple forms of transportation during a single trip, said Sunny Madra, vice president, Ford X, the company's new think tank for new mobility products and services.

The fast-paced, often experimental mobility sector requires businesses to keep up with agile and adaptable customers, said Madra.

"At Ford, the products and services we offer need to reflect these changes, he said. "That's why Ford has purchased mobility provider Spin."

In a statement made on Nov. 8, Madra said Spin is committed to working hand-in-hand with cities and universities to implement micro-mobility solutions respon-

they expand their operations.

The statement went on to say that Spin does not launch without permission; they share usage data with cities; and they work with local officials and university campuses to design educational tools around parking and riding rules.

"As more people consider scooters to be a viable mobility option, now is the right time for Ford to work closely with Spin's highly experienced and dedicated team to help expand their service to more cities. In fact, the team is launching their service today in Detroit," Madra said.

"The acquisition of Spin is an important step toward realizing our ambitious vision for the future of urban mobility and we couldn't be more excited to welcome Derrick, Euwyn, Zaizhuang,

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26,000 LED lights went into the Salvation Army's Detroit display.

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#### **MCC Offering Google IT Skill Class**

Macomb Community College is introducing the Google IT Support Professional Certificate program, which provides a pathway for those new to information technology (IT) to enter the field. Developed by Google and hosted on Coursera, this interactive program can be completed quickly, said Sean Patrick, manager of Media Relations at MCC.

The program is part of Grow with Google, a Google initiative to help create economic opportunities for all Americans.

The instructor-led course will begin in January, featuring a mix of video lectures, quizzes and hands-on labs and widgets, introducing students to troubleshooting, customer service, networking, operating systems, system administration and security.

By committing eight to 10 hours a week, the program can be completed in seven months. No prior experience or degree is necessary.

For more information, call 586-498-4121, Patrick said.

## **Ram's 1500 Pickup Truck Gets 'Most Green' Designation**

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as capability, versatility, safety, value and style, Cappa said.

The winner was selected from five finalists by a Green Truck of the Year jury, comprised of automotive experts and Green Car Journal staff.

'The all-new 2019 Ram 1500 is a no-compromise pickup leading in efficiency, technology and durability, and our new eTorque mild hybrid system is proof that fuel economy and capability can coexist," said Reid Bigland, head of Ram Brand

'We are thrilled to receive the Green Truck of the Year award, affirming our technological leadership in the truck market."

"The eTorque mild hybrid system," said Cappa, "is one of several changes made to the 2019 Ram 1500, including upgraded TorqueFlite eight-speed automatics, strategic weight reductions and aero improvements.

"The eTorque mild hybrid system replaces the traditional alternator on the engine with a motor generator unit and 48-volt battery pack to perform several functions, including quick and seamless stop/start function, short-duration torque addition to the engine crankshaft and brake energy regeneration, which improves responsiveness and efficiency.'

"The new Ram 1500 makes a bold statement with its overall design, functionality, lighter weight and notable efficiency for a full-size pickup," said Ron Cogan, editor and publisher of Green Car Journal and greencarjournal.com.

"Plus, its use of electrification through eTorque mild hybrid technology in both the 3.6-liter V6 and 5.7-liter Hemi V8 is compelling in today's pickup market.

"It is clearly a deserving winner of the title, 2019 Green Truck of the Year.'

"The new 2019 Ram 1500 is a no-compromise truck leading in durability, technology, luxury and efficiency," Bigland said. "Defining future pickup trucks, the 2019 Ram 1500 commands with innovative design, the highest quality materials and classexclusive technology."

Ram leads the full-size truck segment with the most safety

and security features and now delivers significant gains in fuel efficiency with an all-new eTorque system in both V6 and V8 configurations, Cappa said.

Overall weight for the Ram 1500 has been reduced by 225 pounds.

As the truck's backbone, the frame uses advanced materials and engineering to eliminate 100 pounds while increasing stiffness and durability for 12,750 pounds of towing capability and

2,300 pounds of payload, Cappa said.

The new Uconnect 4C with a massive 12-inch touchscreen, said Cappa, leads the pickup world with technology, featuring split-screen capability, 360-degree camera views and exclusive content from SiriusXM with 360L.

The 2019 Ram 1500 went on sale earlier this year and has a starting Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) of \$31,695 plus \$1,645 destination fee.

#### Buick, Amazon Prime Deliver New Service gifts because they didn't

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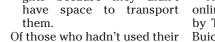
"No more waiting at home for deliveries – your car can be your best new hiding spot," Kughn said.

With more than 3.75 cubic feet of hidden storage compartments throughout its interior, the new 2019 Buick Enclave has enough toys, Kuhgn said. Between the rear underfloor cargo space (3.1 cubic feet all on its own), a center console with a removable false floor and the glove box, there is enough space to hide gifts large and small this holiday season.

Buick worked with The Harris Poll to ask 1,000 U.S. parents how they could use their vehicles during the holidays as a helpful tool. Here are some key findings:

- 82 percent try to find new places to hide holiday gifts every year.
- 79 percent say that hidden storage compartments in vehicles are clever hiding spots.
- 25 percent have used a friend's or family member's vehicle for holiday shopping because it had more storage or space for gifts.

23 percent have paid to ship



vehicle as a hiding place before, 60 percent said they would if their vehicle had more storage.

Getting presents to their hiding spots can also be tricky. Nearly three-quarters (72 percent) of parents who have gifts delivered to their homes said they plan their day around when the delivery is expected in order to keep it a surprise.

This survey was conducted online within the United States by The Harris Poll on behalf of Buick during Oct. 18-25 among 1,000 adults ages 18+ who are the parent of a child under the age of 18 and own or lease a vehicle

Results were weighted to Census targets for education, age/gender, race/ethnicity, region and household income. Propensity score weighting was also used to adjust for respondents' propensity to be online.

#### **Macomb Sells 9-Acre Property**

The Macomb County Public Works Office has received a \$3.5 million offer on a parcel of land on M-59 and Garfield Road in Macomb Township. The offer on the nearly 9-acre property was received in a public auction held by the MCPWO on Nov. 14, said Macomb spokesman Dan Heaton.

The property, one of the larger vacant parcels available along M-59 in the county, has been owned by the Macomb Interceptor Drain Drainage District (MIDD) for about 20 years. The property was purchased by the MIDD for \$2.5 million during the construction of a sewer interceptor along Garfield Road in the late 1990s.

With this sale, nearly \$4 million in property sales have been completed by the MCPWO since Commissioner Candice S. Miller took office in January 2017.

'We're not in the business of holding on to land and doing nothing with it for decades. My goal is to sell these excess properties, get them back on the tax roll and let them be developed in a way that benefits the communitv." Miller said.

The successful bidder on the M-59 property, a local private developer who stated he plans to build luxury apartments on the parcel, has 90 days to conduct a due diligence review of the property before the transaction is finalized.

Another property sold by the MCPWO since Miller took office is a lot at the corner of 21 Mile and Sugarbush roads for \$100,000. That property was recently purchased by the Chesterfield Township Library Board as the site for a proposed new library.

#### LMC Automotive Joins Wards Intelligence

Wards Intelligence and LMC Automotive have decided to work together.

This alliance will leverage the strength of both brands to provide better insights and analysis of the automotive industry, said John Sousanis, managing director of Wards Intelligence.

The deal to work together was finalized on Nov. 7.

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#### Stoneridge Inc. **Exec** Joins **OESA Board**

Jon DeGaynor, president and CEO of Stoneridge, Inc. of Novi, was recently elected to the Original Equipment Suppliers Association (OESA) Board of Directors for 2018-19. DeGaynor's election was revealed at the 2018 OESA Annual Conference held on Nov. 7 in Novi.

We are delighted to welcome Jon as a new board member this year," said Julie A. Fream, president and chief executive officer, OESA. "His vast professional experience and participation with OESA in recent years will be an asset to us during this evolutionary time in our industry.'

"I am honored to be elected to the OESA board for this coming year," said DeGaynor. "The transportation industry is rapidly transforming with increasingly innovative and technical demands from our customers and end users.

"I look forward to working with my fellow board members to continue OESA's mission of advancing the business interests of suppliers."

Ramzi Y. Hermiz, president and CEO, Shiloh Industries, Inc., was elected to the post of chairman of the board; Françoise Colpron, group president, Valeo North America; and Ken Hopkins, president and CEO, Neapco Holdings, as vice chairs for 2018-19, said OESA spokeswoman Catherine Pace.

The 2019 Chevrolet Corvette ZR1 provides the kind of performance any driver would want - just ask the folks at Road & Track magazine because they gave the car "2019 Performance Car of the Year" award.

by Jim Stickford

"We chose the ZR1 because it exhibits every traditional Corvette virtue while rectifying many of the weak points that plagued its predecessors," the editors of Road & Track stated in a press release announcing their decision. "It's loud enough at idle to produce a cease-anddesist letter from the homeowners' association, but you can converse quietly with your passenger on the freeway. Drag racers will like the extra radiators; road racers will like the aero package. It makes big numbers. the way Corvettes always have, but it also conveys the intangible qualities of steering feel and high-speed balance typically associated with smaller, more restrained sports cars.'

"When we were notified about the editors' decision, our reaction was 'we couldn't agree more," said Kevin Kelly, a spokesman for GM. "It's a real honor to receive this award and the recognition that comes with it. The engineers and designers who created this car worked really hard to make a world-class performance vehicle and they always believed it was built on a tradition of performance. To find out others agree made learning this news a happy occasion.'

Editors who tested the vehicles called the ZR1 a "violent piece of work, flawed in a handful of ways but rarely parked, because everyone wanted the key."

"All the characteristics of every other seventh-generation Vette," said deputy web editor Bob Sorokanich. "It doesn't feel distinctly different in any category - braking, acceleration, grip, feedback - it's just more.'

He went to say that the base Corvette's shrink-around-you joy is here, but the ZR1 makes 300 more horses than that car and 255 more pound-feet of torque. It also has approximately 3000 percent more hood bulge.

"It's an honor to receive this recognition from the team at Road & Track for the Corvette ZR1. The engineering team worked very hard to create a car that extended the performance envelope beyond anything we had previously achieved while simultaneously making that performance more accessible to the driver," said Tadge Juechter, executive chief engineer for the Corvette.

Kelly said that what made this award particularly sweet was the fact that the ZR1 beat out many vehicles that cost a great deal more than the Corvette, such as the 2019 Ferrari 488, which costs \$448,884 and the 2019 McLaren Senna, which costs \$994,966.

The seven other contenders



2019 Corvette ZR1

for the sixth-annual Performance Car of the Year were:

- 2018 Alfa Romeo Stelvio Quadrifoglio.
- 2018 Audi RS5.
- 2019 BMW M5 Competition.
- 2019 Ferrari 488 Pista.

#### BorgWarner Workplace Honored

BorgWarner was named one of the most desirable places to work in Michigan, according to the 2018 Detroit Free Press Top Workplaces program.

To qualify for the Top Workplaces award, BorgWarner employees across Michigan took an anonymous 24-question survey that measured factors such as work environment, benefits, leadership and communication, said BorgWarner spokeswoman Kathy Graham.

"We are very honored to be recognized as one of the Top Workplaces in Michigan because in essence, our employees who responded to the survey gave us this award," said Frederic Lissalde, CEO, BorgWarner Inc. "Teamwork is so important in today's business world, and we have an outstanding team. I'd like to thank our employees for making BorgWarner a top place to work and embracing our culture.'

2019 McLaren Senna. 2018 Mercedes-AMG E63 GT.

ZR1 succeeds last year's Per-

formance Car of the Year, the

2018 McLaren 720S, Kelly said.

• 2018 Porsche 911 GT2 RS.

The 2019 Chevrolet Corvette





# **Ghosn Ousted as Nissan's Chairman After His Arrest**

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conviction for violating finance and exchange laws is 10 years in prison, a 10 million yen (\$89,000) fine, or both.

A French citizen born in Brazil, Ghosn became something of a corporate superstar in Japan, leading Nissan's revival from near bankruptcy after Renault sent him to help in 1999.

The Renault-Nissan-Mitsubishi alliance led the industry with sales of 10.6 million vehicles in 2017.

Ghosn served as Nissan's chief executive from 2001 until last year.

He became chief executive of Renault in 2005, leading the two automakers simultaneously. In 2016, he also became chairman of Mitsubishi Motors Corp. after Nissan took it into the alliance

Kelly, 62, joined Nissan, maker of the Leaf electric car and Infiniti luxury models, in the U.S. in 1988. He became a board member in 2012. His background is in human resources and alliance management.

Analysts say the future of Nissan's alliance with Renault may be at stake, though the statement last week said the company's leadership was determined to minimize the impact from Ghosn's case on the partnership.

Renault owns 43 percent of Nissan, and Nissan owns 15 percent of Renault.

Some within Nissan, including its current CEO Hiroto Saikawa, chafed at Ghosn's leadership. In a lengthy news conference last week, Saikawa said it was time for a change, and that too much power was concentrated in Ghosn, with too little credit given to the many others working for the company's success.

He also is suspected of underpaying his share of the rent and misusing company funds on his company-issued housing in Lebanon, Paris, Amsterdam and Rio de Janeiro, where his apartment is on the wealthy Copacabana beach strip.

Ghosn's compensation from Nissan, generous by Japanese standards, was only part of his overall income since he also was paid salaries by the automaker's alliance partners Renault SA and Mitsubishi Motor Corp.

Repeatedly questioned over how the company could have let financial misconduct persist for so long, Saikawa said systems inside Nissan limited transparency.

The allegations are a serious blow at a time when Nissan and Mitsubishi are still recovering from scandals over altered results of emissions and fuel economy tests on vehicles sold in Japan.

FCA's Mopar parts division is expanding its reach.

The company's Fiat plant in Rivalta, located near Turin in Italy, is set to become one of the Mopar brand's global parts and distribution centers serving Europe, the Middle East, Africa (EMEA) and additional world markets.

Mopar (a simple contraction of the words MOtor and PARts) is the service, parts and customercare brand for FCA vehicles around the globe. Born in 1937 as the name of a line of antifreeze products, the Mopar brand has evolved over more than 80 years to represent both complete care and authentic performance for owners and enthusiasts worldwide

Prompted by the rapid global expansion of Mopar, the service, parts and customer-care brand for FCA vehicles, this project in Italy will transform a former vehicle production plant into an innovative, energy-efficient and environmentally sustainable parts and accessories storage and distribution warehouse, said Mopar spokesman Ariel Gavilan.

The new facility will support more than 5,000 locations, significantly improving delivery time to dealerships and workshops, increasing customer service quality as a result, said Gavilan.

"As we grow the Mopar brand around the world, customer satisfaction continues to be one of our key global priorities," said Pietro Gorlier, Global head of Parts and



Mopar's new facility in Rivalta, Italy, will service European markets.

Service (Mopar) and Chief Operating Officer of the EMEA region.

**Italian Auto Plant Becomes Mopar Center** 

"Delivery of the right part at the right time around the globe is at the core of what we do, so we continue to invest in our more than 50 parts distribution centers worldwide. In the case of Rivalta, we are proud to revive a building with a great industrial legacy and transform it into a state-of the art, forward-looking international parts distribution hub that will serve our markets in Europe and beyond."

The Mopar brand continues to invest to meet an increasing global demand that saw over 47,000 tons of parts and accessories distributed in the past 12 months in support of more than 7,000 dealers and workshops throughout the EMEA region alone. In Europe,

the brand offers a portfolio of more than 260,000 accessories and parts for all FCA vehicle brands, Gavilan said.

Mopar operates in more than 160 markets and has more than 50 parts distribution centers located in more than 20 countries.

The Rivalta project is set to optimize the Mopar brand's global operation, with approximately 340,000 square meters of space, of which 40,000 square meters will consist of new buildings. The vehicle storage and dispatch area will be strategically located to allow prompt access to main roads, ensuring significant advantages in terms of parts handling and logistics. By 2020, the new structure will also host the regional headquarters of Mopar.



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## **Ford Scoots Into New Areas**

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Benny, Ben and the rest of the (Spin) team to Ford.

'Today, we are excited to be accelerating our efforts to provide micro-mobility solutions with the acquisition of Spin, a dockless electric scooter sharing company in San Francisco."

"Spin is a leading micro-mobility service provider, with operations in 13 cities and campuses across the U.S.

'This approach aligns well with our values at Ford and with our aspiration to be the world's most trusted company.'

The research and development behind a "Jelly" scooter is enabling the Ford X team to better understand what's required to succeed in the micro-mobility space, such as the importance of human-centered design, the critical importance of a reliable supply chain, and the need to work with cities and campuses to do scooter sharing responsibly.

Spin is committed to working hand-in-hand with cities and universities to implement micro-mobility solutions responsibly, safely and sustainably as they expand their operations, Madra said.

"They do not launch without permission," he said. "They share usage data with cities, and they work with local officials and university campuses to design educational tools around parking and riding rules. "So how does scooter sharing fit into Ford's mobility strategy? asked Madra. "Ford is focused on delivering

great products and services across the mobility spectrum, seeking to enhance the freedom of movement by building smart vehicles for a smart, connected world. This means continuing to develop world-class vehicles, including more hybrids and battery-electric vehicles. It also means continuing development of self-driving vehicles, which we plan to launch at scale by 2021.

"Another critical component of our mobility strategy is to develop a comprehensive set of software and services designed to better enable vehicle connectivity and utilization, as well as new mobility experiences and multimodal transportation solutions

"(We're) combining our strength in automotive research and development with our commitment to connected and autonomous vehicles and our emerging software business," he said.

"Spin adds an exciting new offering to Ford's mobility portfolio as we try to help our customers get places more easily, more quickly and less expensively.'

According to Madra, using a Spin electric scooter costs \$1 to rent and 15 cents per minute. Affordability, combined with ease of use and electrified power, also means scooters can help tackle challenges such as traffic congestion, parking availability and

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pollution.

This presents a significant opportunity, as nearly half of all trips made in the U.S. are 3 miles or less, according to "The Micro-Mobility Revolution," a report by Populus, Madra said.





"You've no doubt seen or heard the quote, 'A labor of love always pays off," said Brian Johnson, FCA's chief Diversity and Inclusion officer in the automaker's blog.

Recently, several motivated and empowered members of the Women's Alliance, one of seven Business Resource Groups at FCA US, enjoyed such an experience when they took the initiative to create a career development program to address the needs of mid-career women.

The program, named the Women's Leadership Experience, sought to reverse the effect of several troubling societal trends identified in McKinsey & Company's 2017 Women in the Workplace Report that read:

- Women remain significantly underrepresented in the corporate pipeline, even at entry level.
- At every subsequent career step, the representation of women further declines and women of color face an even more dramatic drop-off at senior levels.
- As a result, only one in five senior executive leaders is a woman and fewer than one in 30 is a woman of color.
- Moreover, compared to the modest gains women made in prior years, there are signs that women's progress may be stalling.

Energized by the vision to do something tangible to attack these trends at FCA US, the Women's Alliance team scoped out the challenge, developed and secured executive buy-in for a plan of attack, focused available expertise and resources and ultimately created a unique talent development experience, Johnson said.

The result of this labor of love was an eight-month program designed to enrich participant perspectives of the business, their connection to senior leaders and their individual leadership tool kits, offering participants a mix of executive experiences, including coaching, sponsor interactions (sponsors were both men and women) and diverse leadership opportunities.

The inaugural class of the Women's Leadership Experience concluded in late October, graduating a class of 24 participants, some of whom have already been promoted at the company.

The program hopes to take a fresh incoming class in 2019 and is being evaluated as a possible staple leadership development offering at FCA.

"In the end, this is an outstanding example of how truly empowered people with vision, passion and selflessness can affect meaningful change – change that benefits an entire organization," said Barb Pilarski, head of FCA Human Resources, and executive sponsor of the Women's Alliance.



#### Chinese Firm Wants to Sell Cars in U.S.

BEIJING (AP) – Chinese automaker Zotye Auto says it plans to start selling vehicles in the United States in 2020.

Zotye says it will work with an American partner, HAAH Automotive Holdings. The companies said Nov. 14 the first model for the U.S. market will be an SUV, but gave no details.

Zotye joins Chinese OEMs that have stated ambitions to enter the U.S. market. The privatelyowned company headquartered in Hangzhou is also developing electric vehicles with Ford Motor Co. for the China market.

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# **GM Earns Gold Award for Its Green Plants**

GM is one step closer to achieving its goal of earning Gold certification for all its facilities from the Wildlife Habitat Council.

The company's CAMI Assembly Plant in Canada last week was the latest facility to receive the Wildlife Habitat Council's highest recognition for overall excellence in corporate conservation – the Gold Program Award, said GM spokeswoman Carolyn Markey.

General Motors leads the auto industry with the most WHC Conservation Certification sites -75 - and is at nearly 85 percent of its goal to achieve certification at all its manufacturing sites by 2020, said GM spokeswoman Carolyn Markey.

"Our environmental team, along with our Unifor Local 88 partners, have been at the forefront of protecting and preserving the environment and community in which we live and work," said Gary Duff, GM's CAMI Assembly plant manager.

"Our local activities and efforts, no matter how big or small, help protect the planet and move General Motors closer to our vision of a world with zero crashes. zero emissions and zero congestion."

Now celebrating its 30-year anniversary, the WHC's certification program is the only voluntary sustainability standard built on the best practices of global recognition programs, Markey said. The program recognizes a company's efforts to use its land, resources and partnerships to help address pressing global biodiversity issues.

"General Motors Canada CAMI Assembly Plant has exceeded the standard set for Conservation Certification," said Margaret O'Gorman, president, WHC.

'The program at CAMI Assembly had a total of 13 qualifying

projects this year, ranging from management of grassland and wetland habitats to outreach events for the community. This award is a testament to General Motors' commitment to conservation.'

Community engagement and employee involvement play significant roles in the company's efforts to drive impact, O'Gorman said. For example, CAMI Unifor Local 88 employees volunteer at Oxford's Children's Water Festival, a four-day community event held every three years, to educate local elementary school students about the importance of water.

At the event, employees engage students on water-related concepts through hands-on activities. This year, more than 3,600 students participated.

General Motors received its first WHC wildlife certification in 2002 at its Saginaw Metal Casting Operations. The company now manages more than 5,000 acres of wildlife habitats in 16 countries. In 2018, global operations that joined General Motors' list of WHC-certified sites include Avtovz Togliatti, Russia; SGMW Hexi Base Liuzhou, China; and Cheongna Proving Grounds, Korea.

efforts reduce its environmental footprint, drive business value and savings, maximize benefits in the communities where it operates and support the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goal to halt biodiversity loss, Markey said.

been working hard to redesign facilities to be more environmentally friendly and has worked with groups like the Wildlife Habitat Council to make sure GM's efforts have been successful, Markey said.

Employee engagement helped GM's CAMI site earn environmental gold.

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#### Inteva Gets New Supply VP

Inteva Products, a global Tier I automotive supplier of engineered components and systems, named DeRoy Bryant to the position of vice president of Global Supply Chain Management.

He will report directly to Inteva CEO and President Lon Offenbacher.

Bryant brings more than 25 years of experience in procurement, supply chain management. supplier diversity program leadership, and policy development and implementation, within global automotive OEMs and other businesses.

His career includes positions with Ford Motor Company as Central Purchasing manager for Vehicle Procurement Operations and Global Strategy and Business Planning manager for the Global Purchasing-Strategy Planning office.

At General Motors, Bryant served as Production Purchasing manager for the Midsize and Luxury Car Group and Global Commodity manager for the Worldwide Purchasing Group. Prior to these roles, he held positions with the Lansing Automotive world headquarters and techni-Division and with Saturn Corpo- cal center in Troy.



**DeRoy Bryant** 

ration. In addition, Bryant has held supply chain executive roles within the healthcare industry.

Bryant attended Florida A&M University where he received a bachelor's degree in Economics and a master's degree in Business Administration.

He also completed Duke University's Executive Development program.

He will be based out of Inteva's

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#### **Unique Fabricating Banks on Plans To Expand North American Facilities**

Unique Fabricating of Auburn Hills has received a \$73 credit facility loan from Citizens Bank

Unique Fabricating, Inc. is a supplier of components to customers in the automotive and various industrial markets. Citizens is the sole lead arranger, bookrunner and administrative agent, said Citizens spokeswoman Betsy O'Connell.

Unique Fabricating engineers and manufactures parts that are composed of multi-material foam, rubber and plastic components that are utilized in noise. vibration and harshness (NVH) management, acoustical management, water and air sealing, decorative and other functional applications.

The new credit facility will be used to refinance existing debt and provide additional capital to fund projected growth, O'Connell said.

It was structured to be flexible to accommodate Unique Fabricating's recent expansion of its North American operations.

"Citizens bankers are trusted strategic and financial advisors who deliver valuable, clear and objective advice," said John Weinhardt, president and chief executive officer of Unique Fabricating, Inc.

"The industry expertise and close attention to detail that the Citizens team brought to our transaction made for a seamless and timely execution."





